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International students celebrate Thanksgiving

Diala Gammoh celebrated Thanksgiving for the first time at an event held at UCF. Gammoh, who originally came from Jordan, said she had heard about Thanksgiving, but did not fully understand it until last year. But she found out that it was a two-year tradition for international students at the university, so she decided to participate.

The International Services Center and International Student Association hosted a Thanksgiving dinner on Friday, Nov. 23. The dinner was held in the Barbara Ying Center on the UCF campus.

“This is a way to get them together to talk, to talk about how they’re doing, their stories about being in America and also sitting down and eating with them, so for us, it’s very special,” ISC Assistant Director Rocky Blesso said. This was the fourth year the event was held.

“It’s a way to get them together, to talk to them about how they’re doing, their stories [about] being in America and also sitting down and eating with them,” said Diala Gammoh, who is originally from Jordan. She said she had heard about Thanksgiving, but did not fully understand it until last year.

The event was put on to further introduce the students to American traditions.

The dinner was put on by the ISC and the ISA, which is the International Student Association. The event was held in the Barbara Ying Center on the UCF campus.

The menu consisted of traditional Thanksgiving treats: turkey, vegetables, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, and cranberry sauce. The feast, which was catered by Boston Market, was an important part of the history lesson for the students. Chandra said the event organizers wanted the students to have the most authentic experience possible.

Some students were learning about the holiday for the first time, and others had just recently learned about it. Said Sachi Kong, marketing and management graduate student, "It was one of the most important things I have learned."

Manek felt that the dinner was successful in bringing a lot of diverse students together. Manek has been at UCF since last fall and first learned about Thanksgiving when she went home for her roommate for the holiday last year. This Thanksgiving, Manek is excited to go to Washington, D.C., to celebrate the holiday with a few of her friends from home who are studying at George Washington University.

There were also some special guests at the feast: three young men visited UCF from Marymount University in Virginia. The men were far from their home country, but they were excited to attend the Thanksgiving dinner at UCF because they had never been there before. This was also his first time in Florida.

After everyone had their fill of food, the night ended with a raffle for the students. Prizes consisted of various school supplies including a duffel bag and a mini fridge. After the raffle was over, everyone left with a full stomach and a smile on their face.

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Hundreds of thousands of civil servants, teachers, hospital workers, firefighters and police inspectors were on strike Wednesday in Paris and across France to protest against sanctions for tardiness.

Flights also were delayed at the airport and the National Express Railway station was closed.

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- Consider a mortgage that includes energy efficiency improvements

**Install energy saving devices**
- Replace old appliances with energy-efficient models
- Use LED light bulbs instead of incandescent ones

**Nurture your plants**
- Provide plenty of sunlight and water
- Choose plants that thrive in your climate and soil type

**Save on your utility bills**
- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use
- Use energy-efficient products and practices

**Consider a green roof**
- Install a green roof to reduce energy costs and improve stormwater management
- Choose local and native plants that are adapted to your climate

**Support local businesses**
- Buy from local farmers and artisans
- Choose products that are sustainably sourced

**Recycle and compost**
- Sort your waste into recycling bins
- Compost food scraps and yard waste

**Reduce, reuse, recycle**
- Reduce waste by buying products with minimal packaging
- Reuse items instead of discarding them
- Recycle materials to reduce landfill space

**Educate yourself**
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**Donate Plasma!**

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**U.S. Center**
- Visit one of the centers closest to you
- Donate plasma to help save lives

**Find out how**
- Plasma can help treat a variety of conditions, including serious illnesses
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**Green Roof at UCF**

UCF has installed a green roof on one of its buildings, demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

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**Changes affect quarter of UCF**

UCF, under the name University

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**Central Florida Today**

**November 21, 2007**
Hip-hop organization hosts 4 elements event

**STEPHANIE WILKEN**

More than 1,000 people attended Battle of the Elements III Saturday night in the Ferrell Auditorium at UCF.

The event, hosted by the Elements hip-hop student organization, aims to represent four elements of hip-hop culture: break dancing, deejaying, emceeing and black book — a form of graffiti art.

The event also included a pop-up and looking showcase.

"It's a great hip-hop competition, really," said Edgar Massoni, senior business management major and president of Elements.

Ariel St. Hilaire, the event's host, said he was glad to have a chance to help the public understand hip-hop culture.

"There's going to be a lot of spectators that have never been to an event like this," St. Hilaire said. "So, they're going to leave happy."  

Last year, Battle of the Elements II won Knights of the Round Table's Event of the Year award.

The DJ battle is unique to Massoni said, because the DJs use their turntables to have a chance to help the public understand hip-hop culture.

"The abilities these people have, to manipulate as well as choreograph so well and in sync with each other, it's ridiculous," Little Man said.

St. Hilaire said that he enjoys being a part of positive events like BOE III.

"This is what I call positive hip-hop," St. Hilaire said. "Not the mainstream hip-hop, which MTV and BET portray out there, which has everything about guns and disrespecting women with short shorts and things. This is what I call positive hip-hop that's not what we're pretending today at the Battle of the Elements. And that's a good thing!"

**PHOTOS BY AMANDA MOORE / CENTRAL FLORIDA FUTURE**

-Winners from BOE III Saturday night at the Battle of the Elements III in the Ferrell Auditorium at UCF. Photo: "Koopla Klan" performs at the Battle of the Elements III Saturday night at 9 p.m. (top left). Winners from BOE III Saturday night at the Battle of the Elements III in the Ferrell Auditorium at UCF. Photo: "Crazy City" performs at the Battle of the Elements III Saturday night at 9 p.m. (top right). Winners from BOE III Saturday night at the Battle of the Elements III in the Ferrell Auditorium at UCF. Photo: "Crazy City" performs at the Battle of the Elements III Saturday night at 9 p.m. (bottom left). Winners from BOE III Saturday night at the Battle of the Elements III in the Ferrell Auditorium at UCF. Photo: "Crazy City" performs at the Battle of the Elements III Saturday night at 9 p.m. (bottom right).
Kath Saha has lived world's apart; but his love for education has always been with him.

Before coming to UCF, Saha was a native of Calcutta, India. Saha teaches physics and though he says the subject isn't easy, it's always nice to see students understanding it.

In India, the several states each have their own language so there is not an official language for the students. They teach English, Marathi, Hindi and Urdu. English is the fifth most spoken language in India. A significant number of Indians speak English as a first language.

"In India, all the science courses and other subjects are taught in English so it is no problem [for Indians] to speak English," Saha said.

Saha immigrated to the United States more than two decades ago. Prior to his arrival in America, he obtained his Ph.D. from a university in India. Afterward, he studied in west Germany at the Max Planck Institute for Physics and Astrophysics in Munich.

In 1982, Saha landed his first job in the United States at the University of Minnesota as a research associate. After spending one year in Minnesota, Saha moved to Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. Following this, he spent one year at Florida State University.

After relocating several times, Saha joined the UT faculty in 1991.

In addition to teaching, Saha conducts research on quantum electronics and atomic and optical physics. One molecule of optical physics is the study of matter and light-matter interactions on the scale of single atoms or structures containing a few atoms.

Saha currently collaborates with groups at University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Adaptable Light Source at Berkeley. He conducts research on techniques that measure the elementary composition, empirical formula, crystal structure and electronic state of elements that exist within a material.

Saha also participates in electronic physics groups in Europe and Australia. He has published his work in physics journals as well as connected research with experimenters at different national science laboratories.

Saha immigrated to the United States when he was a math professor at Valencia Community College. She has one master's degree he obtained in the United States and another she earned in India.

An in most Asian countries, the academic curriculum in India is figured and designed with a standard of education that is high and it is not neccessary for a student to do well in math and physics courses. Saha said.

"Particularly in Calcutta, education is much harder," Saha said. "I am finding introducing really physics students really have a lot more knowledge in the ninth grade [in India]."

Other Calcutta natives include S.N. Bose, a scientist who worked with Albert Einstein to develop Bose-Einstein statistics.

With a population of 13.7 million, Calcutta maintains an affiliated and highly educated culture, Saha said.

"In India, the people are very educated and very cultured," Saha said. "Although it is very crowded, there people are friendly." Saha said.

Saha enjoys helping his students. His open door policy allows students to seek help for any reason, whether they are doing poorly or are worried about their grades.

"Class attendance is good," Saha said. "I try to keep class lectures interesting and show the students demonstrations so they can see with their own eyes how things [in everyday life] work. I once used an electric generator, the ones used for power during hurricanes, as a class demonstration. This helps the students connect what is happening in real life to how it occurs mathematically." Saha also looks for talented students to recommend for undergraduate to recommend for research projects.

"After they [students] pass the major, I call them or e-mail them to do undergraduate research. I always try to encourage students and help them in the future," Patrick Roeper, a computer science major, admits that Saba's physics class isn't easy.

"The class is very difficult, but Dr. Saha is always open to help students," Roeper said.

Ellaine Bates, another of Saha's students, is a fifth-year civil engineering major who believes Saha is an excellent instructor.

"He [Saha] is a good teacher," Bates said. "He is very knowledgeable and willing to help students understand problems. He explains things very well."
Students dive and dodge in dodgeball touney

CORINE SCHULER

UCF’s Recreation and Wellness Center was the site of some fierce competition on Saturday. The teams of players weren’t there to play conventional intramural sports like basketball, football or baseball. They were there to hurl small neon, orange and green balls at each other as hard as they possibly could. They were there for dodgeball.

Twenty-two all-male and four co-ed teams competed in the event, said Gary Cahen, the RWC’s assistant director.

Dodgeball is normally a spring sport, but UCF participated in the event to give students a taste of dodgeball for intramural sports. Students may enter the game only during intramural seasons, but UCF doesn’t have a dodgeball team. Most other schools have been playing dodgeball for years.

For more than four hours, teams of four ducked, dodged and threw their way through the mall. The sounds of grunts from eliminated participants and cheers from victims filled the three courts that the event was played on.

When all the games were over, the six-member all-male team Wins Won won the co-ed portion, and the four-member team Team Demolition won the co-ed. Demolition lost four $50 Best Buy gift cards and Wins Won won four $75 gift cards.

The prizes had a lot to do with why Demolition came out to play, team captain Nick Grande said.

“I sure people want to come here on a Saturday morning for prizes,” said Grande, a senior computer engineering and business finance major.

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Monday after the release of the 2004 movie Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story, the sport of Dodgeball became more popular on college campuses across the nation.

“Dodgeball is huge right now and everyone here is getting on board,” said Cahen, the assistant of the Stride on Campus Dodgeball Tourney at the Recreation and Wellness Center on Saturday. Above: The dodgeball group Vice poses with their championship T-shirts after winning the mid-male portion of the dodgeball tournament at the Recreation and Wellness Center on Saturday. Top: Senior accounting and finance major Ashlee Moses dodges a ball while warming up for a game in the Stride on Campus Dodgeball Tourney at the Recreation and Wellness Center on Saturday. Right: The dodgeball group 64 pays with their championship T-shirts after winning the mid-male portion of the dodgeball tournament.

It’s something that is catching on and growing at UCF,” Cahen said.

While Cahen said the game’s aggression will always be a part of it popularly, its childhood roots are what make it truly appealing to colle-aged players. Some tournament participants said that although the game may have a juvenile feel, it is perfect for nostalgic players.

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The tournament was the first time Greenstein had played dodgeball at UCF, but it wasn’t his first. He said he plans to sign up for the sport’s spring intramural season. Cahen said he expects 50 teams to sign up. He also plans to sign up for the sport’s spring intramural season. Cahen said he expects 50 teams to sign up for the sport’s spring intramural season.

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UCF’s fall dodgeball event gave participants like UCF senior Ashley Moses, who was one of just eight female participants in Saturday’s tournament, a chance to have fun and a shot at some free stuff.

It makes it more fun to have some friends there sponsoring it and giving out T-shirts,” said Moses, an accounting and finance major. “It kind of makes it more fun a real event than just a regular Saturday.”

Putting on a smashing show

The truck Sudden Impact was one of the monster trucks to pull off a car-crushing performance at Saturday’s Monster Truck Show at the UCF Arena. The show included quad bikes, dune buggies and motorcycles, as well as the local radio controlled cars. For more information about the show, visit www.dodgeballusa.com.
The Knights (8-3, 6-1 in Conference USA) have a chance to capture the Conference USA East champs and return to the Conference USA championship game on Dec. 1.

**Victory over UTEP will make Knights C-USA East champs**

**BRUNO MURPHY**

Last season, 23 seniors on the UCF Football team ended their careers with a win, but a rather disappointing 4-8 season. They didn’t have the opportunity that this season’s 19 seniors have: A chance to close out their careers with not only a win, but with a division title.

The Knights (6-6-1 in Conference USA) have faced each other five times of late, most recently during a Conference USA East title game on Dec. 1. The Miners won their first three game in the series, but the Knights have a split in their past two games.

**Senior day**

It’s one of the most anticipated days in a team’s season, a day in which the team and its fans recognize its departing players for all that they have accomplished on the playing field. UCF’s senior class is relatively small, but there are several important players who will be playing their last regular-season game in a UCF uniform Saturday.

Quarterback Kyle Israel has guided the Knights behind center this season. He had some struggles at the season’s midway point, but has shown remarkable resiliency and responded by playing his best football of the year. His 631 passing attempts per game this season are among the most experienced offensive linemen.

Senior Ryan Smith and left guard Josh Sitton have been the offense’s most experienced offensive lineman. They have combined for 177 rushing yards per game. He should find success Saturday against the UTEP Miners, who have allowed an opposing player to rush for at least 100 yards in each of their seven conference games.

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Downside:

UCF’s offense has barely scored against the Miners rushing defense.

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"When you look at them on film, I think they have a lot of good athletes," UCF head coach George O’Leary said. "Defensively, we have to make plays. We can’t be on the field as long as we’ve been. I think we’re going to have to get more pressure on them."

**Next game**

Saturday 2 p.m., Bright House Networks Stadium

Aly’s has become a fan favorite not only for his creative sur-verse, but also for his ability to get to the quarterback. Donzalel led the Knights with seven sacks last season and leads them with five sacks this season.

Defensive tackle Keith Shologan is the most experienced player on the team. He has made 43 starts and played in every game of his career.

The only game in which Israel threw more than 30 times was in UCF’s loss to East Carolina when he threw 45 times and played in every game of his career.

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Bright side:

The Knights have a 1-3 record this season.

Disadvantage:

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In their first win over North Florida, the Knights entered the game confident after a 2-0 start.

"We had a couple of big weapons in the offense to have any chance of scoring," Vittatoe said. "I got in there and got a couple of points off the bench, knocked down a jumper with 6:30 left, and then knocked down a 3-pointer with 1:13 remaining, but it was the second half's luck on our side. We just executed a lot better in the second half. We wanted to make sure we got some tough touches in the paint, whether it's by free throw or penetration, and we did a much better job in the second half of looking for that and making it happen."

"We know that, especially if the game was tight, they would come and press us, and we led this big of a good job of getting past their press, taking care of the ball and then knocking down free throws," UCF head coach Trevor Vittatoe said.

Vittatoe has two main assets that he brings to the table, but the big story for UCF was his efficiency. After scoring 36 second-half points against North Florida, the Knights (2-2, 0-0 C-USA) erased Jacksonville's five-point halftime lead with 48 second-half points to come from behind 20 times in the second half. The Knights knew they had to do to handle business in the second half.

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Government lends much needed hand

The Department of Education is taking the first major step in reforming predatory loans by regulating how colleges and loan lenders on their lenders list, to which all federal loans are required to be listed to receive federal funds. This list must also provide a list for both parents and students comparing lenders and terms for all loan lenders on their list.

This move is a great one for students and colleges alike, as we can expect less predatory loans without the burden of hidden agendas.

But this is only a step. This additional burden for students and lenders list must take place by July 1.

This is the result of a messy situation in which some colleges have been accused by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman of overcharging gifts and money for a lender’s list on the preferred lenders list.

College tuition is on the rise, while most college students are struggling to find ways to pay off their educations. This is a serious problem as many students have to resort to private funding in order to pay for tuition.

So, maybe opening day of Major League Baseball.

Halloween candy and the Christmas lists of nog and mistletoe than anything else.

There is an underlying fear of how you're going to pay for college, so these numbers do overstate the need.

Loans are close to becoming a necessity for many, especially for those increasing here in Florida due to budget cuts, but it can become an even bigger drain if interest rates increase. The average tuition is $5,853, which is the lowest in the nation's space program. His message would never give up.

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In the same report from the Houston Chronicle, the report showed that the median family income was $54,600 in 2010 to $64,400 in 2010 to $64,400 in 2010. In Florida, the median family income was $54,600 in 2010 to $64,400 in 2010. In Florida, the median family income was $54,600 in 2010 to $64,400 in 2010.

Costs are just up going on for the first time in nearly a decade. Now is a great time to also consider all the other options available for students who believe they can't afford the costs of college.

The initial plan with the College Cost Reduction Act was not only to cut costs for those who couldn’t afford college, but also to try and make the costs more available for those who they believed couldn’t afford it.

Options are important. The school has always been free for those with a high enough income, but there are also options for those with a college degree but who have no positive moves will help every student afford basic necessities for where they need to go and to make ends meet.

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